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SUBJECT: TOPICS FOR SECDEF SCHLESINGER-MOD VANDEN BOEYNANTS

MEETING RE F-16, MONDAY, 2 JUNE

1. COL. LEFEBVRE HAS JUST TELEPHONED US TO SAY THAT MOD WOULD NOT RPT NOT SEND LETTER FROM VANDEN BOEYNANTS TO SCHLESINGER. INSTEAD LEFEBVRE LISTED FOLLOWING ISSUES AS THOSE THAT BELGIAN TEAM WISHED TO DISCUSS:

- 1) PROCEDURE FOR DECISION-MAKING IN F-16 PROGRAM;
- 2) GUARANTEE OF PRICE AND COMPENSATIONS LINKED TO THE NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT TO BE PURCHASED;
- 3) GENERAL ASPECTS OF CO-PRODUCTION; AND
- 4) GENERAL ASPECTS OF COMPETIVENESS.

2. WE TOLD LEFEBVRE THAT SOME OF THESE QUESTIONS APPEARED TO BE ADDRESSED QUESTIONS OF US LAW AND THAT ALL THESE POINTS HAD BEEN DISCUSSED IN GREAT DETAIL ON NUMEROUS PREVIOUS OCCASIONS. LEFEBVRE APPEARED SOMEWHAT EMBARRASSED OVER THE LIST OF QUESTIONS FOR WHICH WE HAD BEEN PRESSING HIM ALL DAY AND SAID SHEEPISHLY THAT THERE WAS NO INTENTION TO RAISE NEW OR DIFFICULT POINTS.

3. COMMENT: IT APPEARS TO US THAT PURPOSE OF TRIP IS A FACE-SAVING DEVICE FOR VANDEN BOEYNANTS TO PERMIT HIM TO SAY  
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PUBLICLY HERE THAT BELGIUM HAS EXHAUSTED EVERY OPPORTUNITY

TO MAKE THE US OFFER AS GOOD AS POSSIBLE FOR BELGIUM.

4. MOD IS GREATLY APPRECIATIVE OF NEW YORK - WASHINGTON -  
NEW YORK TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS. ALSO REMINDED US THAT VDB  
WOULD NEED FRENCH TRANSLATOR FOR MEETING WHICH BELGIANS HOPE  
DOD CAN PROVIDE. FIRESTONE

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